Course 10: Post Colonial Literatures

Third Year English Main (Private Study)

Choose the best option in four of the following

- 1. Which of the following European countries was not a colonial power?
 - a. Belgium
 - b. Denmark
 - c. Netherlands
 - d. Switzerland
- 2. Why hasn't the term post imperialism gained currency do far?
 - a. Because critics have not accepted it so far
 - b. Because post colonialism is the correct term
 - c. Because the world is still dominated by the new forms of imperialism
 - d. Because neo-imperialism is the accepted term
 - 3. Who was not an originator of post colonial theories towards the end of the 19th century?
 - a. Mahatma Gandhi
 - b. Frantz Fanon
 - c. Julius Nyerere
 - d. Amilcar Cabral
 - 4. Which of the following is included in the expanded form of post colonial studies?
 - a. Ethnic studies
 - b. Minority studies
 - c. Third-world studies
 - d. All of these
 - 5. According to Robert Young, no work is written in a:
 - a. Historical vacuum
 - b. Political vacuum
 - c. Cultural vacuum
 - d. Psychological vacuum
 - 6. Which aspect of decolonization is highlighted by Fanon's The Wretched of the Earth?
 - a. Economics
 - b. Politics
 - c. Violence
 - d. Psychology
 - 7. Rationality was not possible in colonial encounters because
 - a. The colonizers were not rational
 - b. The relationship between the colonizer and the colonized was exploitative
 - c. The colonized were not aggressive
 - d. There were no international conventions to control the colonizers

- 8. Who introduced a psychological dimension of post colonial studies?
 - a. Edward W. Said
 - b. Homi K. Bhabha
 - c. Gayatri Chakravorty Spivak
 - d. Fratz Fanon
- 9. What does the word 'civilization' mean in Gujarati, according to Gandhiji?
 - a. Good conduct
 - b. Development
 - c. Material comforts
 - d. Modern facilities
- 10. What does Ashis Nandy think about the condition of colonialism in India after the end of British rule in India?
 - a. It ended immediately
 - b. It ended gradually
 - c. It still continues
 - d. It changed its name
- 11. Ashis Namdy attributes the defeat of colonialism to
 - a. Historical forces
 - b. Internal contradictions
 - c. Its innate irrationality
 - d. A kind of innocence
- 12. According to Gandhi, the 'civilization' of the colonizers affected only one group of people in India. Who are they?
 - a. The peasants
 - b. The merchant community
 - c. Those who had been affected by Western civilization
 - d. Those who had found employment in British India
- 13. Fanon, Gandhi and Nandy argued that the leadership for freedom from colonial rule rested with
 - a. The aristocracy
 - b. The rural masses
 - c. The employees
 - d. The politicians
- 14. What had been the predominant feeling Said had in his younger days?
 - a. Being out of place
 - b. Being enthusiastic
 - c. Being adventurous
 - d. Being lonely

15. What did Said feel about the English part 'Edward' of his name?

- a. That it gave acceptability to his name
- b. That it was helpful in his academic life
- c. That it was forcibly attached to his Arabic name
- d. That it was a later addition
- 16. Why did Said's father hate Jerusalem?
 - a. Because it didn't support him
 - b. Because it was crowded
 - c. Because it was polluted
 - d. Because it reminded him of death
- 17. What made Said's father leave Palestine?
 - a. Famine
 - b. Compulsory military service
 - c. Lack of employment opportunities
 - d. Political unrest
- 18. What is the true meaning of "never giving up" according to Said?
 - a. Delaying a programme
 - b. Obstructing others
 - c. Social nuisance
 - d. All of these

19. What according to Said was the main characteristics of his father in whatever he did?

- a. Strong determination
- b. Strict morality
- c. Sheer hard work
- d. Strong discipline
- 20. How did Said's mother represent herself to him?
 - a. As a complicated woman
 - b. As a reserved woman
 - c. As a gifted woman
 - d. As a strict disciplinarian
- 21. Why was Said's relationship to his sisters unsatisfactory?
 - a. Because they were hostile
 - b. Because of his strong bond with his mother
 - c. Because they were always busy
 - d. Because they always found fault with him
- 22. Soyinka says that the execution took place
 - a. Late at night
 - b. In board daylight

- c. Sometime before dawn
- d. Late in the evening

23. Who were the participants in the 'grave procession'?

- a. Warders
- b. Policemen
- c. Fellow prisoners
- d. Officials
- 24. "..... the living world belie their absence" What does it mean?
 - a. Tell lies about the disappearance of the prisoners.
 - b. The whole world will lament their death
 - c. Soon their disappearance will be forgotten
 - d. The whole world is responsible for their death
- 25. Why was the sahib shocked?
 - a. Cholera had struck
 - b. So many black people had died
 - c. Even white people died
 - d. There was death everywhere in India
- 26. Why were the cholera victims usually cremated instead of buried?
 - a. There were so many deaths
 - b. There wasn't enough space to bury them all
 - c. Only Hindus died
 - d. It was a dangerous to bury cholera victims
- 27. When did cholera strike?
 - a. After the rains
 - b. In the summer
 - c. During the rainy season
 - d. In winter
- 28. Why does Darwish say again and again that he is an Arab?
 - a. To assert his rights
 - b. To remind people of his national identity
 - c. As a confession
 - d. He was compelled to do so in Israel
- 29. What seems to be Darwish's attitude to the political turmoil of his country?
 - a. That of anger
 - b. That of indifference
 - c. That of acceptance
 - d. That of patience
- 30. At the end of the poem 'Identity Card' we see a change in the mood of the speaker. It is from
 - a. Anger to patience

- b. Tolerance to chauvinism
- c. Indifference to enthusiasm
- d. Patience to anger

31. Walcott has serious reservations about the Mau Mau uprising because of

- a. Inhumanity
- b. Destruction
- c. Death
- d. All of these

32. Walcott's attitude towards the colonial language English is

- a. Hostile
- b. Positive
- c. Ambivalent
- d. None of the above

33. What is the attitude of Mc Kay towards the oppressors?

- a. Tolerance
- b. Contempt
- c. Fear
- d. Suspicion

34. Why does Mc Kay want the white man's world of wonders crumble?

- a. They were built on black men's toil and blood
- b. They aggravated slavery
- c. They made more slaves
- d. All of the above

35. According to Arasanayagam, why don't the epics disclose their secrets easily?

- a. They are read only in translation
- b. They are often in an archaic script
- c. They are kept in achives
- d. All of these

36. The oracle of the Hills and Caves was called

- a. Agbala
- b. Ani
- c. Chi
- d. Ezeani

37. "As our fathers said you can tell a ripe corn by its look". Who said this to whom?

- a. Okonkwo to his son Nwoye
- b. Okonkwo to his friend Obierika
- c. Nwakibie to Okonkwo
- d. Obierika to his son Maduka

38. The story that Nwoye's mother told the children very often

- a. The story of the mosquito that loved the Ear
- b. The story of the Earth and the Sky

- c. The story of the feast in heaven
- d. The story of Mother Kite
- 39. "Somethinh seemed to give way inside him like the snapping of a tightened bow." These words describe
 - a. Nwoye's anger at his father
 - b. Nwoye's doubts about the meaningless sacrificial murder
 - c. Nwoye's fear that Ikemefuna is dead
- 40. How did the death of Ikemefuna affect Okonkwo
 - a. Okonkwo was deeply upset at the death of Ikemefuna
 - b. He was happy at the death of the boy
 - c. He was sorry for the death of Ikemefuna
 - d. He was indifferent to the death of the boy
- 41. Akuele's bride price was finally fixed at
 - a. Thirty bags of cowries
 - b. Fifteen bags of cowries
 - c. Twenty bags of cowries
 - d. Twenty five bags of cowries
- 42. Kotma was the name given to
 - a. The new concerts
 - b. The court messengers
 - c. The white policemen
 - d. The white soldiers

43. Okonkwo never showed any emotion openly unless it be the emotion of

- a. Love
- b. Hatred
- c. Anger
- d. Envy
- 44. Okonkwo lent his hand to kill Ikemefuna because
 - a. He was afraid of the boy
 - b. He was afraid of the oracle
 - c. He was afraid of the elders who did the deed
 - d. He was afraid of being thought weak
- 45. The elders said that the locusts came
 - a. Once in two years
 - b. Once in five years
 - c. Once in ten years
 - d. Once in a generation
- 46. Okonkwo had to go into exile because
 - a. He had offended the Goddess of the earth
 - b. He had killed a clansman
 - c. He has disobeyed the goddess Agbala

d. He had beaten his wife

47. The God of yams was

- a. Ani
- b. Agbala
- c. Ifejioku
- d. Chi

48. The priest of the Earth Goddess Ani was

- 1. Agbala
- 2. Ezeani
- 3. Chika
- 4. Chielo

49. What kind of a reception did Okonkwo get in Mbanta, his mother's village?

- a. They did not like them
- b. They wanted to send him back soon
- c. They treated him with love and sympathy
- d. They looked at him with suspicion
- 50. What was Okonkwo's attitude to the white men?
 - a. He liked to live with them
 - b. He wanted to fight them and drive them away
 - c. He submitted to their rule
 - d. He was indifferent to them

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